

1. The picture frame and hanger therefore comprising,  
  
a picture frame having a top and a bottom,  
  
said picture frame includes a supporting member proximate the top of the picture frame,  
  
a hanger bar having a rear surface for being mounted on a wall and an upwardly facing picture frame supporting ramp surface at the top of the hanger bar that is aligned below the supporting member on the picture frame for holding the picture frame in a fixed position on the wall.
2. The frame and hanger device of claim 1 wherein the upwardly facing surface is a ramp surface at the top of the hanger bar that is inclined downwardly proceeding toward the rear surface of the hanger bar and extending horizontally during use when the hanger bar is secured to the wall.
3. The frame and hanger device assembly of claim 1 wherein the support surface of the picture frame is inclined.
4. The frame and hanger of claim 1 wherein the frame includes a horizontal top frame member, a pair of vertical side frame members and a horizontally disposed bottom frame member and the support member comprises a downwardly facing surface as a part of the top horizontal frame member and integral therewith.
5. The device of claim 4 wherein the support member is inclined downwardly proceeding toward a rear surface of the picture frame.
6. The device of claim 4 wherein the support member comprises a tab that extends downwardly from the top horizontal frame member of the picture frame.

7. The combination of a picture frame and hanger for hanging the picture frame from a vertical member such as a wall comprising,
- a picture frame having a front surface and a rear surface,
  - the rear surface of the picture frame has a forwardly extending, rearwardly opening recess therein of a predetermined size,
  - a downwardly facing skid member within the recess and connected to the picture frame,
  - a hanger bar for supporting the picture frame, said bar having a rearwardly facing wall mounting surface adapted to be affixed to the wall to hold the picture frame in place on the wall and the hanger bar being sized to fit within the predetermined size of the recess,
  - an upwardly facing canted ramp surface that comprises at least a portion of the hanger bar,
  - the ramp surface is canted downwardly proceeding toward the wall mounting surface of the hanger bar and is aligned below the skid during use so as to be engaged by the skid on the picture frame for forcing the picture frame under the influence of gravity toward the wall with the hanger enclosed within the recess forwardly of the rear surface of the picture frame such that at least a portion of the picture frame is thereby brought into contact with the wall through the action of the skid sliding toward the wall on the canted ramp surface.
8. The device of claim 7 wherein the ramp surface comprises an upper edge of the hanger bar when the hanger bar is mounted horizontally on the wall such that the ramp surface is inclined downwardly proceeding toward the wall when mounted thereon.

9. The device of claim 7 wherein the skid is an inclined surface that is aligned with the ramp surface of the hanger bar during use and is supported thereby.
10. The device of claim 7 wherein the skid is a tab member that extends downwardly from the picture frame into contact with the ramp surface of the hanger bar when the picture frame is supported thereon.
11. The device of claim 7 including a transparent sheet member supported within the frame and a backer member in alignment with the transparent sheet member and wherein the hanger bar has is constructed and arranged to apply pressure to the backer member for forcing the backer member toward the transparent sheet member to thereby compress a picture or other graphic article positioned between the transparent sheet and the backer member whereby the ramp surface of the hanger bar performs a dual function of holding the picture frame against the wall as well as pressing the backer member forwardly into contact with the graphic article.
12. The device of claim 7 wherein the picture frame has a transparent sheet member and a backer board supported therein, the backer board has a horizontally disposed rearwardly facing beveled surface proximate a lower edge thereof, the picture frame includes a lower horizontally disposed frame member having a downwardly extending upwardly opening slot therein and the beveled surface is positioned to engage a portion of the slot such that the engagement between the slot and the backer board together with the force of gravity acting on the backer board forces the backer board toward the transparent sheet for compressing a graphic article located therebetween.
13. The combination of a picture frame and a hanger therefore comprising,  
a picture frame for flattening graphic sheet material that is held between a transparent

sheet and a backer board supported thereby, said picture frame having a front and a rear surface,

a hanger member having a ramp surface thereon, said ramp surface being inclined downwardly toward the rear surface of the picture frame when the picture frame is supporting thereon,

the hanger member having a front surface for applying forward pressure to the backer board when the picture frame is placed thereon so as to force the backer board toward the transparent sheet material thereby compressing the graphic sheet material.

14. The device of claim 13 wherein a thickness A of the hanger member is greater than a thickness B of the picture frame from said rear surface to a slot therein holding the transparent sheet material, the graphic sheet and the backer board such that pressure is applied to the backer board by the hanger member due to the force of gravity acting on the picture frame.
15. The device of claim 13 wherein the backer board has at least one beveled edge engaged with a portion of a slot for holding the backer board and the engagement between the backer board and said portion of the slot compresses the graphic sheet material.
16. The device of claim 13 wherein the picture frame has a rear surface with a pocket therein that is constructed and arranged to accommodate the hanger member therewithin and the frame has a downwardly facing supporting element that is located proximate an upper end of the pocket for engaging the hanger member.
17. The device of claim 13 wherein the frame has a supporting element for engaging the hanger bar, and said supporting element is proximate an upper horizontally extending frame element for suspending the picture frame from the hanger bar.

18. The device of claim 13 wherein the supporting element is a downwardly facing edge of the picture frame or a tab connected thereto.